

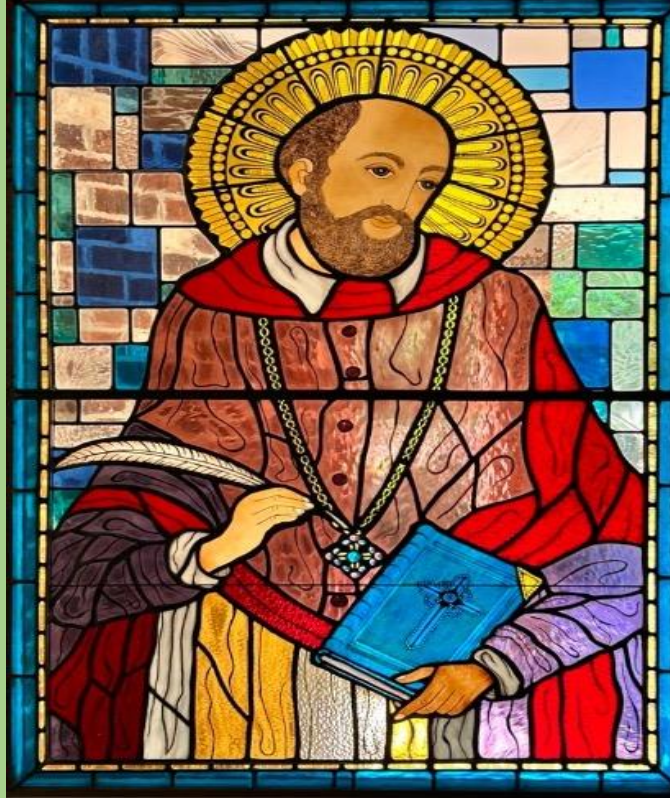
Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

August 4, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention this Sunday is for the Repose of the Soul of Rev. Peter D. Gillen.



First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15:
I will rain down bread from heaven for you.

Responsorial Psalm 78:
"The Lord gave them bread from heaven."

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24:
Put on the new self that has been created in God's way.

Gospel: John 6:24-35:
Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.

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Please remember to read our church website at: <https://www.FdSChurch.org>

Please submit any announcements for the bulletin to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

Our Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday Daily Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Friday Daily Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 6:30 p.m.

Every 1st Friday: Devotions to the Sacred Heart Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Every 1st Saturday: Fatima Devotions Rosary at 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation on request.

Marriage: call the priest at least six months in advance.

Baptism: call the priest at least one month in advance.

Anointing of the Sick at any time upon request.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

In Moses' time, the Lord God sent bread from heaven in the form of manna, which sustained the Chosen People on their lengthy and difficult journey across the desert. Centuries later, God sent the Son, the Bread of Life, who nourishes us now on our journey to God's kingdom. On our journeys, may we keep in mind that we are called to leave behind our old corrupted, sinful self and "put on the new self," as Saint Paul wrote, our true self that is founded in Jesus.



This weekend we will be installing our new Tabernacle temporarily in the Sanctuary. We as a Parish are being blest to have the Eucharist in our Church proper. There are some respectful traditions which are required of us as faithful Catholics to demonstrate our knowledge and awareness of the Eucharist in our midst.

Upon entering the Church and arriving at the desired pew one should genuflect. This is an outward sign designed to show our reverence for the Body of Christ present in the Tabernacle. As Catholics we believe Jesus Christ is present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Consecrated Bread. As such we are asked to show our respect and honor for the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. We also genuflect upon leaving our pew after Mass. Again we are called to reverence Jesus present in the Eucharist. We can turn our eyes and focus on the Tabernacle thanking Jesus for His great love for us as well as His presence in our midst.

A lit candle will be present on the wall next to the Tabernacle. This is called the Sanctuary Lamp and when lit it signifies the presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. Whenever we see the candle glowing red we can be assured Jesus is present.

Many people come to Church early to pray and prepare for the sacrifice of the Mass. To respect our fellow parishioners and also create an atmosphere of quiet reverence there should be no talking in the church before Mass. If a parishioner needs to speak and have conversation the commons area would be the appropriate place to do so. Ushers will alert you as to when Mass is starting so you can come into the Church to attend Mass.

The presence of Jesus in the Sanctuary is a blessing for us all. When we partake in Christ in the Eucharist we are receiving the greatest gift God can offer – the gift of God's very self. May we honor and cherish our Lord in His gift of Himself to us.



*People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered;
Forgive them anyway*

*If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway*

*If you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies;
Succeed anyway*

*If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;
Be honest and frank anyway*

*What you spend years building, someone could destroy over night;
Build it anyway*

*If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;
Be happy anyway*

*The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway*

*Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway*

*You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;
It was never between you and them anyway*

St Teresa of Calcutta

This Week in the Liturgy of the Church

TUES August 6 There will not be a weekday Mass on this date.

FRI August 9 There will not be a weekday Mass on this date.

FdS Parish Offertory

Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Parish Offertory Income Collection will be provided in the Sunday Bulletin on the 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

LET US CONTINUE OUR MISSION AS A CATHOLIC PARISH TO LIVE, PREACH, AND TEACH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

Our Announcements

Farmers Market: We will not participate in the **Farmers Market on Saturday, August 17th**.

First Communion Bag: Our parish will be celebrating with Dario Lopez and his family, the Sacrament of his First Holy Communion this month. In the church commons we have placed a gift bag to place cards, trinkets and well wishes for Dario. Continue to keep him in your prayers as he prepares to come to the table of the Lord.

ALL ARE WELCOME!! Please join us for **Hospitality Sunday** on the third Sunday of each month right after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Commons Area. The next Hospitality Sunday will be held on **Sunday, August 18th**.

Join Father Gregory Kandt, pastor of the Church of St. Therese in Gloucester, for an inspiring and customized pilgrimage to France. Our itinerary traverses some of the most beautiful parts of France – from Normandy to Paris and to areas in and around Dijon, Annecy, and Geneva (in Switzerland). We will walk in the footsteps of some of the most important visionary men and women of faith. For all information and details, visit the website for our pilgrimage: <https://www.travelillum.com/trc/ary>.

If you'd like to talk to Father Gregory, you can call him at 804-693-9043.

Special Intentions for Mass: If you would like to have a Mass offered for the intention of a loved one, friend, or another special request, please stop by the parish office and we will be happy to assist you!

| LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER | | |
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| Parishioners | Family | Friends |
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| Gloria Bosley | Fred Moody | Nan Seals |
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| Jim Pavik | Margaret McLaughlin | Lourdes Parker |
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| Rita Engle | Maria Hurst | Norm Connolly |
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| | Cindy Lockemy | Callie Penic |
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| | Kathryn Turner | |
| | Elizabeth Scott | |
| | Margaret Mann | |

**Please Pray for Our Military Men, Women, and Their Families.
 Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform in our country's time of need.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

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| CAPT Andrew Bohn | Son of Jeff Bohn & Suanne Dittmeier | US Army | Fort Gregg Adams, VA |
| CAPT Ryan Carey | Son of Jack & Ginny Carey | US Navy | Stationed Overseas |
| MSgt Cameron Farrell | Great-nephew of Elaine Lynch | US Air Force | Tyndall AFB, FL |
| LT Patrick Sopko | Son of Suzanne and Ron Sopko | US Navy | Norfolk, VA |
| 1 st LT Spencer Walsh | Grandson of Pat & Jimmy Walsh | US Army | Fort Hood, TX |
| 1 st LT Grace Walsh | Granddaughter-in-law of Pat & Jimmy Walsh | US Army | Fort Hood, TX |

Austin Tice, freelance journalist and former Marine Captain, captured in Syria on August 14, 2012.
Locations of overseas deployments are not listed for the security of all military members.

PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTION

Our Parish Ministry and Mission Leads (updated 7/16/24)

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| Parochial Administrator, Liturgy | Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah |
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| Faith Formation - High School | Courtney Hudson |
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| Music Ministry | Cathy Schirmer |
| New Members | Pat Lipinski |
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| Parish Life | Rita Engle |
| Parish Outreach | Helen Yacobucci |
| Pastoral Care | Mary Flaherty |
| Pastoral Council Chair | Eric Chadwell |
| Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults | Cheryl Henig |
| Sacramental Preparation - Baptism | Ed McNamee |
| Sacramental Preparation - Confirmation | Jessie Miller |
| Sacramental Preparation – 1st Sacraments | Michelle Haas |
| Ushers | Ed Lipinski |
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**To get in touch with any of our ministry or mission leaders,
or to offer your time and talents, please contact the Parish Office.**

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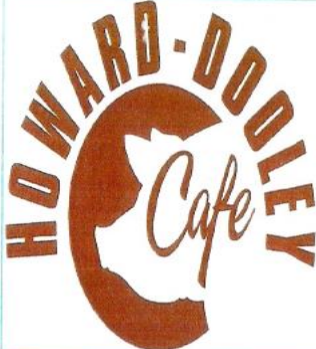
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